



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In the United States, between 2008 and 2010, fires set intentionally in residential buildings accounted for an estimated 280 deaths, 775 injuries, and \$593 million in property damage; and

WHEREAS: According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, law enforcement agencies reported more than 43,000 arsons in residential structures between 2008 and 2010. These fires accounted for nearly 30 percent of the arson offenses in the United States; and

WHEREAS: There were 1,122 identified arson fires in Minnesota in 2011, each causing more than \$8 million in property damage. Approximately 65 percent of those arson fires occurred in residential properties; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety encourages citizens to participate in Arson Awareness Week by implementing neighborhood clean-ups and improving internal and external security at their homes and abandoned properties; and

WHEREAS: "Reducing Residential Arson," the theme for Arson Awareness Week 2013, and Minnesota's fire services and supporters will focus public attention on residential arson and provide communities with tools to reduce the frequency of this crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 - 11, 2013, as:

ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE